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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Page 20, paragraph 1, please amend lines 1-7 to read as follows:

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In FIG. 5, TP 426 determines which biometric-PIN from the BPID subsystem 504 is responsible for a given subdivision of the biometric database. In one embodiment, one BPID processor 506 is responsible for identifying people with PINs N1-N10, another BPID processor 508 is responsible for identifying PINs N11-N20, and a third BPID processor 510 is responsible for identifying PINs N21-N30. For example, all messages from the PIA containing a PIN that equals the number 30 would be routed to BPID processor 510 for identification of the payor.

In the drawings:

Amend the drawings as shown on the enclosed red-lined drawings.